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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy to the Director for National Intelligence

25X1 FROM : [REDACTED] National Intelligence Officer for Africa

SUBJECT : Policy Review Committee's "Africa Review"

1. Action Requested: None. For your information.

2. Background: A PRC meeting has been called for 0930-1100 on Thursday, 30 June, to review US policy toward southern Africa. (The original call indicated there would be discussion of the Horn, and at one point Angola also was to have been brought up; the preparations for this meeting have been unusually disjointed.) Secretary Vance will chair.

3. There is no PRM as such for this meeting. State has drafted a "background paper" which reviews the policy decisions of this Administration, the state of negotiating play re South Africa, Rhodesia and Namibia, and a set of policy options for each of these problems. A copy of this paper is attached, with a summary and CIA comment for your use.

4. A one-page "TOP SECRET" Annex, prepared in the State Department, discusses [REDACTED] This annex has been reviewed by Africa Division of CIA/DDO, which had been contacted by State regarding it. The subject appears as item [REDACTED] on the Agenda, and we have placed the material there, at the end of the [REDACTED] section.

5. You may recall that, to support this PRC meeting, the Intelligence Community and the Agency were asked by Mr. Brzezinski or members of his staff for three other papers assessing the situations and prospects in regard to Ethiopia, Savimbi's insurgency in Angola, and the role of the Cubans in Angola. Copies of these papers are also attached (each has its own summary), but they do not appear on the agenda.

6. The DDI has prepared current situation briefs for your use on all of these topics. The Djibouti situation may be of special current interest, even if it is not on the PRC agenda, because of the declaration of Djibouti's formal independence last Monday, 27 June, and the possibility of some move by Ethiopia and/or Somalia. Re Angola, information has come in, since the paper on Savimbi was forwarded, to the effect that Savimbi and Zaire are becoming more cooperative. Savimbi's northern expedition is to open the border with Zaire while Zaire, when the border is opened, is to respond with supplies for UNITA.

7. For your information, there is also attached a first draft of the key judgments section of the draft NIE on southern Africa. This draft has no official status yet, having just been circulated to the agencies for their comment.

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